

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 May 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 May 2023 at 14:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium over the weekend – lower regarding cloud detail and any light rain. Then high for dry and sunnier conditions next week.

Headline for Saturday 20 May 2023: A mainly cloudy day, though some brighter spells in morning. Occasional rain developing later afternoon and evening. Freshening breeze on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 May 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Dull	Dull	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	10%	10%	10%	20%	40%	70%

Forecast for Saturday 20 May 2023

Weather: Patchy light rain overnight dying out before morning. Mainly cloudy, though some bright or sunny intervals possible inland for a time in the morning. Then cloud thickening to bring patchy rain later in the afternoon this becoming more persistent with a few heavier outbreaks in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% falling 20% in the evening..

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud at 750-1000m but lower near west coast, the cloud lowering to 500m-750m later with areas to low levels along the west coast. Away from cloud, visibility mainly good, but with some sea fog affecting exposed western coasts then visibility falling moderate, locally poor in rain later.

Forecast for Saturday 20 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/10 S	10/13 S	11/14 S	13/17 S	16/21 SW	17/23 SW	17/23 SW	16/20 S	16/20 SW
900	6/8 SW	8/10 S	10/13 S	11/15 S	13/18 SW	13/19 SW	14/20 SW	11/16 S	10/14 SW
600	8/10 SW	8/10 SW	10/12 SW	14/18 SW	17/22 SW	18/24 SW	18/24 SW	14/18 SW	12/16 SW
300	3/5 SW	6/9 SW	6/10 SW	9/13 SW	10/15 SW	10/16 SW	9/14 SW	7/12 SW	6/9 SW
Glen	4/9 SW	8/14 SW	8/14 S	10/16 SW	11/19 SW	12/20 SW	9/17 SW	6/14 SW	5/11 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/1
900	7/5	6/4	7/4	8/5	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/5	7/4
600	9/7	9/7	9/7	10/7	11/8	11/8	10/7	10/7	9/7
300	10/10	10/9	10/9	12/10	12/10	12/10	12/10	11/10	11/10
Glen	11/11	11/9	12/10	14/12	14/12	14/12	14/12	12/11	12/11
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2500m	2600m	2700m	2800m	2800m	2600m	2500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing extra

Forecast for Sunday 21 May 2023

Weather: Overcast with some light rain and drizzle in the morning and early afternoon, then becoming dry in the afternoon, perhaps becoming sunnier in the west of the area later.

Maximum wind: Variable 5-10mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 20% rising 50% later, and 70% in the west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud at 450-600m and some lower patches, with poor visibility in light rain and drizzle, cloud lifting to 800m later and perhaps dispersing entirely in the west, with visibility becoming mainly good as the afternoon goes on.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to Plus 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.